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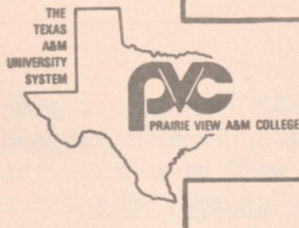
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WHICH WAY BLACK HISTORY?

This is the question PVC professors and students will ask themselves during their Black History Week, February 13-19.

An answer has already been suggested by Dr. George R. Woolfolk, head of the College's History Department, who stated: "It must be a new way, an effort to find new mass departure. A way more relevant to Black youth; a departure from the Black middle-class molds; a way which relates to the total community what Black people are doing or have done; a way which encourages Black youth's involvement in creative group efforts and collective positive endeavours. This is the direction which Black History must seek."

"Black History is a very important matter for our high school and college students who are searching for their identities," Dr. Woolfolk also said, "and the Black Community is the most relevant model they can find. Black History for Black youth should not be a yearly one week affair, but an everyday life activity."

Dr. Woolfolk, who is vice-chairman of the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission of Texas, will be the speaker at the first scheduled event of the week -- an 11 o'clock Religious Worship Service, Sunday morning, February 13, in the Memorial Student Center. The title of his talk will be: The Word to the Intellectual. The Therapy of Risk."

An elaborate program of lectures, class discussions, concerts, exhibits and film showings is announced by Mrs. Barbara Gray, instructor of Black History and coordinator of the week's activities. The program includes: A Gospel Recital in the Old Gym Auditorium, Tuesday, February 15, at 8:00 pm, by the Baptist Student Movement Choir; and a Musical Variety Show featuring Gospel Singing by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Jazz Selections by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Wednesday, February 16, at 7:30 pm, in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom. The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will also sponsor a Black Art Exhibit in the Memorial Center, Thursday, February 17, from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm, and the theme of the week: "Which Way Black History?" will be featured in the Center by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

The films announced are: "The Best Soldier," "Walk in My Shoes," "The History of the Negro in America," "The Dream Awake."

An essay contest on "Any Historical Aspect of Blacks in U. S. Army" is sponsored by the Military Science Department.

PVC PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

DR. EUGENE BRAMS, associate professor of Plant and Soil Sciences, has published a study entitled, "Maize As A Second Crop for the Uplands of Sierra Leone, West Africa," in collaboration with Mr. R. Weibel, associate professor of Agronomy, University of Illinois. The brochure was produced by the Office of Publications and News Service.

MR. W.C. CHINN, president of SGA and NROTC senior student, will attend a Pentagon Seminar in Washington D.C. on February 24-25, 1972. Nominated by Capt. W.H. Lowans, professor of Naval Science at Prairie View, Marine Corps option NROTC student Chinn and 250 other ROTC students from campuses throughout the country will meet with Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird, Asst. Secretary of Defense Roger Kelley and other Department of Defense officials at the Pentagon on February 24th.

Mr. Chinn will attend a breakfast meeting with US Senator Strom Thurmond on Capitol Hill, Feb. 25th. While in Washington the cadets will participate in Reserve Officers Association meetings including a banquet at which Speaker of the House Carl Albert will receive Reserve Officers Association (ROA) Minute Man of the Year award. Mr. Chinn will also attend a Navy luncheon hosted by ROA that will be addressed by the Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, Mr. Edward F. Hebert.

DR. J.B. COLLINS, assistant professor-Soil Genesis, Morphology and Classification, will appear in the 1972 Personalities of the South.

LIBRARY TALKS Mr. Frank Francis, Mrs. Esther Naomi Baker and Mrs. Gazella Boothe, head librarian and librarians, respectively, will review three books by Black authors during the Black History Week. Mrs. Boothe will speak, Monday, February 14, on W. E. B. DuBois' The Soul of Black Folks; Mrs. Baker will review The Negro and His Spirituals by James Weldon Johnson, Wednesday, February 16; and Mr. Francis will discuss To Be Equal, by Whitney Young, Jr., Thursday, February 17. All three reviews will be discussed in the Library Science classroom at 7:30 pm. A movie, "The Dream Awake," will also be presented in the same room each evening during the week.

EXHIBITS Several exhibits are scheduled for the Black History Week, they are: "Famous Negro Scientists," in the Harrington Science Building Foyer, sponsored by the Sociology Department; "Portraits of Blacks in Poverty," sponsored by the Sociology Department in the Old Post Office; "Black Warriors Through History" by the Military Science Department, in the Memorial Center. "The Negro in the United States Navy and Marine Corps" is the theme of an exhibit sponsored by the Naval Science Department on the third Floor of Spence Hall, and the College Library will display pictures, biographies and works of Prairie View Scholars.

ESSAY CONTEST The office of Career Planning and Placement has available information concerning an essay contest -- "Week in the Business World" -- sponsored by Mobil Oil Company for sophomores from predominantly Black Colleges and Universities.

Students participating will be required to fill out a data sheet and write in their own words "Why a week in the business world interest them and what they think might be gained."

One student will be selected from each participating school and will travel to Mobil's New York Headquarters on March 26th for a week long visit with all travel, lodging and related expenses paid by the corporation.

COUNSELOR CONFERENCE Dr. George Stafford, director of Admissions and Counseling, the Senior Fellow staff, six Junior Fellows, and one graduate student are attending the two-day Tri-University Conference for Counselors on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin.

Various schools throughout the state will discuss their counseling programs. PVC will spotlight its Junior Fellow Program and conduct a panel discussion entitled "Junior Fellows as Facilitators of Educational, Social, and Physical growth at Prairie View A&M College."

Participating on the panel will be Junior Fellows: Velma Burrell, Banks Complex; Eddie Fowler, associated Men's Complex; Alvin Hopkins, Alexander Complex; Lawrence Perkins, president

of the association of Junior Fellows and Managers; Patricia Spiller, Suarez-Collins Complex; and Yu-Waunder Williams, associated Women's complex.

Senior Fellows R.E. Carreathers and Marie Cromwell, and Dr. George Stafford, a member of the conference planning committee, will also participate on the panel.

Mr. Oliver Smith, a graduate student in Counselor Education, will discuss with other counselor education students, "What I Wish My Counselor Education Program Had Provided For Me."

SUNDAY CONCERT The PVC "A Cappella Concert Choir," under the direction of Dr. H. Edison Anderson, professor of Music, will present a concert, Sunday, February 13, at 8 pm in the Old Gym Auditorium. The Choir will interpret a variety of works by Thompson, Christiansen, Cousins, Rubinstein, Copland, Herbert, Tschaikowsky, Rachmaninoff, Clark, James and Harrison, as well as a Suite by professor Anderson.

Sopranos Barbara Shepherd, Marilyn Woodlaw, Alethea Barrens and contralto Bonnie Fitzgerald, all juniors, will sing respectively in solo, "O My Country" from Verdi's "Aida"; "He is Good, He is Kind" from Massenet's "Herodiade"; "In These Soft Silken Curtains", from Puccini's "Manon"; and "Habanera" from Bizet's "Carmen".

The Ladies' Quartette, the University Ladies' Choir and the University Men's Choir will also present some numbers. Dr. R. von Charleton, professor of piano and music education, will be the accompanist.

CAMPUS VISITORS Mr. Ozias Pearson, director of Rural Community Assistance Consortium (RCAC) -- a service of the Office for Advancement of Public Negro Colleges -- accompanied to Prairie View Mr. Edward F. Truschke, program administrator, Xerox Fund, and introduced him to President Thomas and several members of the PVC faculty and staff, Thursday and Friday, February 10 and 11.

During a meeting Thursday night, some twenty PVC Administrators briefed Messrs Truschke and Pearson about the College's current programs and future plans. The visitors seemed impressed with the information provided which reflected the administration's constant efforts to keep Prairie View in progress.

Mr. Truschke, who was visiting a predominantly Black college for the first time, said that Xerox Company is strongly interested to grant support to Black colleges out of a five million dollars fund which will last until 1973-74.

He also said that until two years ago, private corporations gave all their support to the United Negro College Fund which assists private colleges, because they believed that public institutions were state and federal government responsibilities.

Mr. Pearson observed that he found on the national scene, more PVC grads in decision making position than alumni of any other Black college.

BIOLOGY SEMINAR Dr. W.H. Slabaugh, professor of Chemistry at Oregon State University, discussed "The Domain of Laminar Silicates" at a seminar attended by some 50 Biology and Chemistry students and professors, Tuesday, February 8 at 2:30 pm, in Auditorium B of the Science Hall.

Sponsored by the Sigma Xi Club, and the Chemistry and Biology Departments, the seminar was organized in cooperation with the Welch Foundation under the direction of Dr. W. O. Milligan who accompanied Dr. Slabaugh at Prairie View.

Dr. Slabaugh's presentation, was taped and is now available to students and members of the faculty for audition.

OBITUARY Mrs. Julia Hall, a former manager of Food Service in the Memorial Student Center, and an instructor of Cultural Orientation in Manpower Service until her illness last Spring, has passed on Wednesday, February 9. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Walter J. Hall, associate professor and director of Teacher Education in the School of Industrial Education and Technology, two daughters, Mrs. Hazel Kambrough and Mrs. Hortense Sparks; one son, Mr. Walter J. Hall, Jr.; and ten grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in Bethlehem Methodist Church, Hempstead, Saturday, February 12, at 11:00 a.m. Mrs. Hall's family has requested that no flowers be sent, but that all contributions be addressed to the First United Methodist Church at Prairie View.